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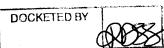
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STAFF'S REQUEST FOR

CLARIFICATION TO RECOMMENDED

**OPINION AND ORDER** 



**COMMISSIONERS** 

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER COMPANY FOR DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY, AND

AN INCREASE IN ITS WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICE.

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The Utilities Division ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") files a request for Clarification to the Recommended Opinion and Order ("ROO") for Las Quintas Seranas Water Co. ("Company").

Page 17 of the ROO details the various service charges for after-hour service that are specific to individual activities such as establishment, re-establishment and reconnection. An after-hours service charge is appropriate when it is at the customer's request/convenience. These charges compensate a utility for additional expenses incurred from providing after-hours service. While this issue was not raised during the hearing, after discussions with the Company, Staff and the Company concluded that establishing a separate after-hours tariff that is applicable for any utility service provided after regular hours at the customer's request or for the customer's convenience is preferable to having after-hours tariffs for each specific activity.

Staff would recommend the elimination of the "Establishment (after hours)" charge of \$30 and "Reconnection (delinquent and after hours)" charge of \$30. A new, separate tariff, "Service Charge (after hours)" in the amount of \$35.00, would more efficiently serve the same purpose as the eliminated tariffs.

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1	Staff would respectfully request the foregoing modification to the Service Charges
2	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.
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